GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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TRANSMISSION FACILITIES IN ORISSA
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the cities/towns of Orissa where Doordarshan/All India Radio transmission facilities have not been provided so far;

(b) whether the Government propose to establish transmission facilities in these places also;

(c) if so, the places identified so far; and

(d) the steps taken to provide these facilities at an early date?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a): Entire Orissa is covered by radio signals except for a few pockets in the districts of Deogarh, Angul and Malkangiri. Doordarshan coverage is available all over the country including Orissa in Satellite mode. However, terrestrial TV coverage is presently estimated to be available to about 92% population of the State (including the population in fringe areas).

(b), (c) & (d): It is the constant endeavour of the Government to provide Radio/TV coverage to hitherto uncovered areas of the country including Orissa. For further expansion of Radio coverage in Orissa, the existing 100KW MW Tr. at AIR Cuttack is being replaced by new 300 KW MW Tr.. Local Radio Stations with 1 KW MW Tr. are also being set up at Soro and Rairangpur. For further expansion of TV coverage, one High Power TV Transmitter at Behrampur and three Low Power Transmitter at Chikti, Tushara and Baleshwar (DD-2) are presently are under implementation.

These projects are at different stages of implementation and all steps are being taken to ensure timely completion of these projects.